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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Whitney Deason, 2002  
Valedictorian of Oakland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Deason is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Deason has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Whitney Deason has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason has distinguished herself in the classroom and has been active in various school-related organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Whitney has been a member of the National Honor Roll, has been listed in *Who's Who Among American high School Students*, was a 2001 Tennessee Girls' State delegate, and participated in Youth Leadership Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Deason has been a member of the Oakland High School Cheerleading Squad for four years, and proudly served as Captain of the squad for two years; she also earned national awards in cheerleading at the United States Achievement Academy in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Deason's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, John and Valorie Deason, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Oakland High School Valedictorian, Whitney Deason, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.